

# Bernoulli-type Relations in Some Noncommutative Polynomial Ring

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## Abstract

We find particular relations which we call "Bernoulli-type" in some noncommutative polynomial ring with a single nontrivial relation. More precisely, our ring is isomorphic to the universal enveloping algebra of a two-dimensional non-abelian Lie algebra. From these Bernoulli-type relations in our ring, we can obtain a representation on a certain left ideal with the Bernoulli numbers as structure constants.

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## 1 Introduction

The Bernoulli numbers are a sequence of rational numbers with connections to many branches of mathematics. Especially, they are closely related to the values of the Riemann zeta function at negative integers [1], [2]. In this paper, we show a certain connection between some noncommutative polynomial ring and the Bernoulli numbers. We let  $K[x, y]$  be a noncommutative polynomial ring in two indeterminates  $x, y$  over a field  $K$  of characteristic zero. Now, we define  $I = \langle xy - yx - x \rangle$  to be the ideal of  $K[x, y]$  generated by  $xy - yx - x$ , and let  $A$  be  $K[x, y]/I$ , the quotient of  $K[x, y]$  by  $I$ . Again we use  $x, y$  as  $\bar{x} = x + I, \bar{y} = y + I$  respectively (if there is no confusion). We note that  $A$  is isomorphic to the universal enveloping algebra of a two-dimensional non-abelian Lie algebra (cf. Remark 4.1). Then, our main result is the following:

**THEOREM (Bernoulli-type relations)**

Let  $A$  be as above. We put

$$w_{k,\ell} = (xy^k - y^k x)x^\ell \in A \quad (k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0).$$

Then, the following relations hold.

$$xw_{k,\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} w_{k,\ell+1}$$

$$yw_{k,\ell} = \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1,\ell} - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_{i,\ell}$$

□

Here, we note that the above  $B_{k+1-i}$  mean the Bernoulli numbers. Hence, we call the above relations “Bernoulli-type relations”. Put  $W = \oplus_{m \geq 1, n \geq 0} Kx^m y^n \subseteq A$ , which is a direct sum by PBW theorem. Then  $W$  becomes a two-sided ideal of  $A$ . Using the Bernoulli-type relations, we can obtain that  $W$  is generated by  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$ . We can also see that  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

Here we will explain Bernoulli-type relations in terms of Lie algebras. For the explanation, we start to explain our motivation of this study. We began this study with [3] written about some factorizations in universal enveloping algebras. In [3], they deal with universal enveloping algebras of three-dimensional Lie algebras. Then they obtained certain general relations. Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be a three-dimensional Lie algebra over  $K$  and denote by  $U(\mathfrak{Q})$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ . Assume that  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is generated by two elements  $x, y$ . Then, the general relations in  $U(\mathfrak{Q})$  are given as follows:

$$(A_k) \quad yxy^k \equiv \frac{k}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} y^{k+1} x \pmod{U_k},$$

$$(B_k) \quad y^k xy \equiv \frac{1}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} y^{k+1} x \pmod{U_k},$$

$$(C_k) \quad yU_k \subseteq U_{k+1}, \quad U_k y \subseteq U_{k+1}, \text{ where}$$

$$U_k = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq k} (Kxy^m + Ky^m x + Ky^m) \quad (k \geq 0).$$

□

Then, the remainder terms,  $u = \sum_{1 \leq p, q, r \leq k} a_p xy^p + b_q y^q x + c_r y^r + dx \in U_k$  with  $a_p, b_q, c_r, d \in K$ , of  $(A_k), (B_k)$  are determined according to the generators  $x, y$  and types of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ . In the paper [3], they determine some exact terms of  $u$  along with a classification of  $\mathfrak{Q}$  in Jacobson’s book [6].

Here we roughly introduce the classification. We put  $\mathfrak{Q} = Ke \oplus Kf \oplus Kg$  with its basis  $(e, f, g)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{Q}'$  be the derived ideal of  $\mathfrak{Q}$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$  be the center of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ . Then the classification is roughly given as follows:

- (a) If  $\mathfrak{Q}' = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is abelian.
- (b) If  $\dim \mathfrak{Q}' = 1$  and  $\mathfrak{Q}' \subseteq \mathfrak{C}$ , the multiplication table of the basis is

$$[e, f] = g, \quad [e, g] = [f, g] = 0.$$

(c) If  $\dim \mathfrak{Q}' = 1$  and  $\mathfrak{Q}' \not\subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , the multiplication table of the basis is

$$[e, f] = e, [e, g] = [f, g] = 0.$$

(d) If  $\dim \mathfrak{Q}' = 2$ , the multiplication tables of the basis are

$$(d)-(\alpha) \quad [e, f] = 0, [e, g] = e, [f, g] = \alpha f,$$

$$(d)-(+) \quad [e, f] = 0, [e, g] = e + f, [f, g] = f,$$

where  $\alpha$  in  $K^\times$ . Different choice of  $\alpha$  give different algebras unless  $\alpha\alpha' = 1$ .

(e)  $\dim \mathfrak{Q}' = 3$ , the multiplication table of the basis is

$$[e, f] = g, [g, e] = 2e, [g, f] = -2f.$$

In the type (d) or (e), we suppose that  $K$  is algebraically closed (just for our rough explanation). As is well-known, the type (b) means a Heisenberg Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{H}_K$  and the type (e) means a special linear Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(K)$ . In the paper [3], they determined the exact terms of  $u$  for  $\mathfrak{H}_F$  or  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(F)$  with the above generators  $e, f$  including the case if  $F$  is a field of characteristic zero. They also showed that  $\mathfrak{Q}$  can not be two generated if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (a) or the type (d)-( $\alpha = 1$ ). Hence, we were interested in determining the terms in  $U_k$  for the remaining type of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ . For our purpose, we explain some results in the author's master thesis [10]. Since the paper is written in Japanese, we introduce its summary here. In [10], we obtained some properties between  $u$  and the types of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ , and determined the exact terms of  $u$  if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (d)-(+). The properties between  $u$  and the types of  $\mathfrak{Q}$  are given as follows:

- We always have  $u = 0$  inspite of generators if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (b).
- We always have  $u \neq 0$  inspite of generators if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (e).
- We can get  $u = 0$  according to some special generators if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (c) or (d). (It means that we can also get  $u \neq 0$  according to another generators.)

The exact terms of  $u$  are determined if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (d)-(+) with the generators  $e$  and  $g$ . The formulas in  $U(\mathfrak{Q})$  are given as follows:

$$(P_k) \quad geg^k = \frac{k}{k+1}eg^{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+1}g^{k+1}e - eg^k + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} g^i e,$$

$$(Q_k) \quad g^k eg = \frac{1}{k+1}eg^{k+1} + \frac{k}{k+1}g^{k+1}e + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} eg^i + g^k e.$$

□

These are the almost all results written in [10]. After we obtained these results, we could establish the formulas if  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is the type (c) with the generators  $e + g$  and  $f + g$

in the above classification. Then we noticed that our formulas can be reduced to the two-dimensional case. That is, we put  $L = Kx \oplus Ky$  as a two-dimensional Lie algebra satisfying  $[x, y] = x$  and denote by  $U(L)$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $L$ . Then, the formulas in  $U(L)$  are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(P_k) \quad yxy^k &= \frac{k}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} y^{k+1}x \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} xy^i + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} y^i x, \\
(Q_k) \quad y^k xy &= \frac{1}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} y^{k+1}x \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} y^i x.
\end{aligned}$$

□

At first these formulas were shown without the Bernoulli-type relations. But using the Bernoulli-type relations, we can easily show the formulas. Therefore, we use the Bernoulli-type relations to show the formulas in this paper.

We will review the Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$  with  $B_1 = 1/2$  in Section 2. In Section 3, we will show the Bernoulli-type relations and study  $W$  introduced before. In Section 4, we will show the above formulas and explain a connection to Lie algebras. We also mention that  $U(L)$  is isomorphic to  $A$ , and that  $A = \oplus_{m \geq 1, n \geq 0} Kx^m y^n$  by PBW theorem.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this paper,  $K$  is a field of characteristic zero. We denote a left hand side (resp: right hand side) by (LHS) (resp: (RHS)). We also denote by  $B_n$  the Bernoulli numbers.

In this section, we review the Bernoulli numbers with  $B_1 = 1/2$ . We aim a self-contained explanation in this paper. Thus we confirm our setting here.

**Definition 2.1.** (The Bernoulli numbers)

*We define the Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$  recursively as follows:*

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n+1}{i} B_i = n+1.$$

□

**Remark 2.2.** In general, the Bernoulli numbers are also given by a generating function. The generating function in our condition is given as follows:

$$\frac{te^t}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

□

Here we describe the Bernoulli numbers up to  $n = 10$ .

Figure.1 The Bernoulli numbers

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$B_n$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{30}$	0	$\frac{1}{42}$	0	$-\frac{1}{30}$	0	$\frac{5}{66}$

As well known, there are the other type of the Bernoulli numbers. If we denote by  $\hat{B}_n$  the Bernoulli numbers with  $\hat{B}_1 = -1/2$ , then  $\hat{B}_n$  are given by  $(-1)^n B_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

**Remark 2.3.** In the first half of eighteenth century, the Bernoulli numbers were discovered around the same time by Jacob Bernoulli and Kowa Seki independently. At first, both Bernoulli and Seki took  $B_1 = 1/2$ . Hence, historically, our definition is an original version. □

### 3 Bernoulli-type relations and the ideal $W$

In this section, we show the main theorem and some corollaries. Now, we set  $A = K[x, y]/I$ , where  $K[x, y]$  is a noncommutative polynomial ring in two indeterminates  $x, y$  and  $I = \langle xy - yx - x \rangle$  is the two-sided ideal of  $K[x, y]$  generated by  $xy - yx - x$ . At first, we confirm several elementary formulas for proving the main theorem.

**Proposition 3.1.** (i) For integers  $k \geq i \geq j \geq 0$ , we have

$$\binom{k}{i} \binom{i}{j} = \binom{k}{j} \binom{k-j}{i-j}.$$

(ii) Let  $A$  be as above. Then the following formula holds.

$$xy^k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x$$

(iii) Let  $A$  be as above. Then the following formula holds.

$$y^k x = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} xy^i$$

*Proof.* (i) We can calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{k}{i}\binom{i}{j} &= \frac{k!}{(k-i)!i!} \frac{i!}{(i-j)!j!} \\ &= \frac{k!}{(k-j)!j!} \frac{(k-j)!}{\{(k-j)-(i-j)\}!(i-j)!} \\ &= \binom{k}{j}\binom{k-j}{i-j}.\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Since  $xy = yx + x = y(x+1)$ , we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned}xy^k &= (yx + x)y^{k-1} = (y+1)xy^{k-1} \\ &= \dots \\ &= (y+1)^k x = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x.\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Since  $yx = xy - x = x(y-1)$ , we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned}y^k x &= y^{k-1}(xy - x) = y^{k-1}x(y-1) \\ &= \dots \\ &= x(y-1)^k = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} xy^i.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain the desired results. □

Now, we prove the main theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be as above. We take*

$$w_{k,\ell} = (xy^k - y^k x)x^\ell \in A \quad (k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0).$$

*Then, the following relations hold.*

$$(BR1) \quad xw_{k,\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} w_{k,\ell+1}$$

$$(BR2) \quad yw_{k,\ell} = \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1,\ell} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_{i,\ell}$$

*Proof.* At first, we show (BR1). Using Proposition 3.1 (ii), we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}
xw_{k,\ell} &= x(xy^k - y^k x)x^\ell \\
&= \{x(xy^k) - (xy^k)x\}x^\ell \\
&= \left\{x\left(\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x\right) - \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x\right)x\right\}x^\ell \\
&= \left\{\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} xy^i - \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x\right\}x^{\ell+1} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (xy^i - y^i x)x^{\ell+1} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} w_{i,\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we show (BR2) by computing from (RHS) to (LHS). Using Proposition 3.1 (ii), we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1,\ell} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_{i,\ell} \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} (xy^{k+1} - y^{k+1}x)x^\ell - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} (xy^i - y^i x)x^\ell \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x - y^{k+1}x \right\} x^\ell \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{i}{j} y^j x - y^i x \right\} x^\ell \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

We divide (RHS) into three terms such as  $x$  and  $y^k x$  and otherwise. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= \frac{k}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{k} y^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{0} y^0 x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \binom{i}{0} y^0 x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since we can replace  $B_{k+1-i}$  with  $B_i$  in the last term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad + \frac{k}{k+1} x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_i x^{\ell+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{0} x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

In the fifth term, using Definition 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad + \frac{k}{k+1} x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} (k+1) x^{\ell+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} x^{\ell+1}. \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the index  $i$  with  $i+1$  in the third term, we obtain

$$(RHS) = ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i+1} B_{k-i} \sum_{j=1}^i \binom{i+1}{j} y^j x^{\ell+1}.$$

Then, changing additive method in the third term, we obtain

$$(RHS) = ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i+1} \binom{i+1}{j} B_{k-i} \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1}.$$

In the third term, using Proposition 3.1 (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k+1-j}{i+1-j} B_{k-i} \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$



Then, replacing the index  $i + 1 - j$  with  $i$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k+1-j}{i} B_{k-(i+j-1)} \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1} \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_{k-j+1-i} \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since we have  $\binom{k-j+1}{i} = \binom{k-j+1}{k-j+1-i}$ , we can replace  $B_{k-j+1-i}$  with  $B_i$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{j} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_i \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1} \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{j} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{k-j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_i - \binom{k-j+1}{0} B_0 \right\} y^j x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

In the third term, using Definition 2.1, we get

$$(RHS) = ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{j} \{(k-j+1) - 1\} y^j x^{\ell+1}.$$

Then, replacing the index  $j$  with  $i$  in the third term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} (k-i) y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} k \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k+1}{i} (k-i) y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= ky^k x^{\ell+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} i \binom{k+1}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= \binom{k}{k-1} y^k x^{\ell+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i-1} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i-1} y^i x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the index  $i$  with  $i+1$ , we get

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^{i+1} x^{\ell+1}.$$

Regarding  $y^{i+1} x^{\ell+1}$  as  $y(y^i x^{\ell+1})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&= y \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= y \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} - y^k x^{\ell+1} \right) \\
&= y \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} y^i x - y^i x \right) x^{\ell} \\
&= y(xy^k - y^k x) x^{\ell} \\
&= yw_{k,\ell} = (LHS).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain desired results.  $\square$

From the theorem, we can get some corollaries. As has been mentioned in the introduction,  $A$  is isomorphic to the universal enveloping algebra of a two-dimensional non-abelian Lie algebra. Thus, using PBW theorem, we can put

$$W = \bigoplus_{m \geq 1, n \geq 0} Kx^m y^n.$$

Here we put

$$W' = \left\{ \sum_{k,\ell} c_{k,\ell} w_{k,\ell} \mid \begin{array}{l} k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0, c_{k,\ell} \in K, \\ c_{k,\ell} = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many pairs } (k, \ell) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then, the following statements hold.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Notation is as above. Then,  $W'$  is a two-sided ideal of  $A$ . In particular,  $W = W'$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.2, it is clear that  $W'$  becomes a left ideal of  $A$ . Again using Theorem 3.2, we can see

$$W' = Aw_{1,0} = Ax.$$

Then, we have

$$W'x = (Ax)x \subseteq W'$$

and

$$W'y = (Ax)y = A(xy) = A(yx + x) = A(y + 1)x \subseteq W'.$$

Hence,  $W'$  is a two-sided ideal of  $A$ . Using Proposition 3.1, we can obtain

$$x^m y^n = x^{m-1} (xy^n) = x^{m-1} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} y^i \right) x,$$

which implies  $W = Ax$  and  $W = W'$ . Therefore, we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

Next, we see that  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$  is a basis of  $W'$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *Notation is as above. Then,  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$  is a basis of  $W$ , that is,  $W = \bigoplus_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0} K w_{k,\ell}$ .*

*Proof.* We show  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$  to be linearly independent. We assume

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m c_{k,\ell} (xy^k - y^k x) x^\ell = 0 \quad (m, n < \infty)$$

with  $c_{k,\ell} \in K$ . Then, from Proposition 3.1 (ii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (LHS) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m c_{k,\ell} (xy^k - y^k x) x^\ell \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m c_{k,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(LHS) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n c_{m,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} c_{k,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} \\
&= \sum_{\ell=1}^n c_{m,\ell} \binom{m}{m-1} y^{m-1} x^{\ell+1} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n c_{m,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} \binom{m}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} c_{k,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, the term  $y^{m-1} x^{\ell+1}$  is appeared in the first term only. Using PBW theorem, we can get  $c_{m,\ell} = 0$  for all  $\ell$ . Hence, the second term is vanished. That is, we have

$$(LHS) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} c_{k,\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} y^i x^{\ell+1}.$$

Continuing this operation, we get  $c_{k,\ell} = 0$  for all  $k$ . Namely, we get  $c_{k,\ell} = 0$  for all  $k$  and  $\ell$ . Hence,  $\{w_{k,\ell}\}_{k \geq 1, \ell \geq 0}$  is a basis of  $W$ .  $\square$

Next, we show a variation of the Bernoulli-type relations.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $A$  be as above. We take*

$$w_k = xy^k - y^k x \in A \quad (k \geq 1).$$

*Then, the following relations hold.*

$$(SBR1) \quad yw_k = \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_i$$

$$(SBR2) \quad w_k y = \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_i$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2, if we take  $\ell = 0$ , then (SBR1) holds.

Next, we show (BR2) by computing from (RHS) to (LHS). Using Proposition 3.1

(iii), we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= \frac{k}{k+1} w_{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} w_i \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} (xy^{k+1} - y^{k+1}x) - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} (xy^i - y^i x) \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} \left( xy^{k+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \left( xy^i - \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^{i-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j \right) \\
&= \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j.
\end{aligned}$$

We divide (RHS) into three terms such as  $x$  and  $y^k x$  and otherwise. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= \frac{(-1)^{k-k} k}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{k} xy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i + \frac{(-1)^{k-0}}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{0} xy^0 \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} (-1)^{i-1-0} \binom{i}{0} xy^0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since we can replace  $B_{k+1-i}$  with  $B_i$  in the last term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i + \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} x \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j - \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_i x \\
&= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j \\
&\quad + \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} x - \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_i x - \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} \binom{k+1}{0} B_0 x.
\end{aligned}$$

In the fifth term, using Definition 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j \\
&\quad + \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} x - \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} (k+1)x - \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} x \\
&= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{i-1-j} \binom{i}{j} xy^j.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the index  $i$  with  $i+1$  in the third term, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(RHS) &= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i+1} B_{k-i} \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^{i-j} \binom{i+1}{j} xy^j.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, changing additive method in the third term, we obtain

$$(RHS) = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{i+1} \binom{i+1}{j} B_{k-i} \right\} xy^j.$$

In the third term, using Proposition 3.1 (i), we get

$$(RHS) = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k+1-j}{i+1-j} B_{k-i} \right\} xy^j.$$

Then, replacing the index  $i+1-j$  with  $i$ , we get

$$(RHS) = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k+1-j}{i} B_{k-(i+j-1)} \right\} xy^j \\ = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_{k-j+1-i} \right\} xy^j.$$

Since we have  $\binom{k-j+1}{i} = \binom{k-j+1}{k-j+1-i}$ , we can replace  $B_{k-j+1-i}$  with  $B_i$ . Hence we have

$$(RHS) = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_i \right\} xy^j \\ = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{k-j} \binom{k-j+1}{i} B_i - \binom{k-j+1}{0} B_0 \right\} xy^j.$$

In the third term, using Definition 2.1, we get

$$(RHS) = kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k+1}{j} \{(k-j+1)-1\}xy^j.$$

Then, replacing the index  $j$  with  $i$  in the third term, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (RHS) &= kxy^k + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k+1}{i} (k-i)xy^i \\ &= kxy^k + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} k \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} (k-i) \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ &= kxy^k + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} i \binom{k+1}{i} xy^i \\ &= \binom{k}{k-1} xy^k + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i-1} xy^i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i-1} xy^i. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the index  $i$  with  $i+1$ , we get

$$(RHS) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k}{i} xy^{i+1}.$$

Regarding  $y^{i+1}x^{\ell+1}$  as  $y(y^i x^{\ell+1})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (RHS) &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k}{i} xy^i \right) y \\ &= \left( xy^k - \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} xy^i \right) y \\ &= (xy^k - y^k x) y \\ &= w_k y = (LHS). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain desired results.  $\square$

We can easily see that  $w_k$  is  $w_{k,0}$  in Theorem 3.2. We will investigate connections between Bernoulli-type relations and Lie algebras in the next section. Using Corollary 3.5, we will show the formulas with respect to Lie algebras.



## 4 A Connection between Bernoulli-type relations and Lie algebras

In this section, we consider a connection between the Bernoulli-type relations and Lie algebras. In the introduction, we roughly reviewed the classification of three-dimensional Lie algebras. We let  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a three-dimensional Lie algebra over a field  $K$  of characteristic zero and denote by  $U(\mathfrak{L})$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Then we also explain that if  $\mathfrak{L}$  is the type (c), we have a two-dimensional Lie subalgebra  $L$  of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Then,  $L$  is a non-abelian two-dimensional Lie algebra. That is, we can write  $L = Kx \oplus Ky$  with  $[x, y] = x$ .

Now, we recall our settings in Section 3. We let  $K[x, y]$  be a noncommutative polynomial ring generated by  $x, y$  and define  $I = \langle xy - yx - x \rangle$  to be the ideal of  $K[x, y]$  generated by  $xy - yx - x$ . We let  $A$  be  $K[x, y]/I$ . Then, if we denote by  $U(L)$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $L$ , then we can see the following :

**Remark 4.1.** *Notation is as above. Then we have  $A \cong U(L)$ .*  $\square$

From Remark 4.1, we can use the Bernoulli-type relations for  $U(L)$ . Conversely, it is the reason that we can use PBW theorem in  $A$ . Using the relations in Section 3, we will show the next formulas in  $U(L)$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $L$  be as above. Then in  $U(L)$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{P}_k) \quad yxy^k &= \frac{k}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+1} x^{k+1}x \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} xy^i + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} y^i x, \\
 (\text{Q}_k) \quad y^k xy &= \frac{1}{k+1} xy^{k+1} + \frac{k}{k+1} y^{k+1}x \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} xy^i \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+1-i} \binom{k+1}{i} B_{k+1-i} y^i x.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using the Corollary 3.5, we see that (SBR1) implies  $(\text{P}_k)$  and (SBR2) implies  $(\text{Q}_k)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.3.** *The above formulas  $(\text{P}_k)$  and  $(\text{Q}_k)$  completely give the remaining terms of  $(\text{A}_k)$  and  $(\text{B}_k)$  in case of the type (c) if we replace  $x, y$  by  $e + g, f + g$  respectively.*

**Remark 4.4.** *Using the theory of linear algebras, we can establish two-dimensional Lie algebras as follows:*

*Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$ , and  $\text{End}(V)$  be its endmorphism ring. Put  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{End}(V) \oplus V$ , and we define*

$$[f_1 + v_1, f_2 + v_2] = (f_1 f_2 - f_2 f_1) + (f_1(v_2) - f_2(v_1))$$

for all  $f_1, f_2 \in \text{End}(V)$  and  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  becomes a Lie algebra. Suppose that  $f \in \text{End}(V)$  and  $v \in V$  satisfy  $f(v) = cv$  for some  $c \in K$ . Put  $\mathfrak{a} = Kf \oplus Kv$  as a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{a} \text{ is abelian} & (\text{if } c = 0), \\ \mathfrak{a} \cong L & (\text{if } c \neq 0). \end{cases}$$

**Remark 4.5.** If  $K$  is algebraically closed, then three-dimensional Lie algebras of type (d) corresponding to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in Jacobson's book [6], on page 12, are not according to  $\beta$ . Hence, in this paper, we introduce the exact one type as (d)-(+) at the introduction.

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